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SUBJECT: POPPY BAN

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1. UNAL UNSAL, COUNSELOR, TURKISH EMBASSY, CALLED ON DEPT TO INQUIRE INTO ACCURACY OF MAY 5 NEW YORK TIMES ARTICLE REGARDING U.S. PLANS TO GROW OPIUM. WE TOLD UNSAL ARTICLE WAS INCORRECT. WHILE THERE ARE INDIVIDUALS WHO WOULD LIKE TO SEE SUCH A PROGRAM INSTITUTED, A HIGH LEVEL DECISION HAD BEEN TAKEN NOT RPT NOT TO GROW OPIUM FOR DOMESTIC USE IN THE U.S.

2. DEPT OFFICER REITERATED U.S. POSITION OF SUPPORT OF RESEARCH INTO POPPY STRAW PROCESSING UNDER UN AUSPICES WITH A VIEW TO INCREASING MORPHINE YIELD, WHILE DECREASING
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OPPORTUNITY FOR ILLICIT DIVERSION. UNSAL WAS ESPECIALLY

INTERESTED IN ARTICLE'S ASSERTION THAT PLAN WOULD NOT BE
IMPLEMENTED UNTIL NEW TURKISH GOVERNMENT MADE A FINAL
DECISION. WE FLATLY DENIED ANY CONNECTION BETWEEN TURKISH
BAN AND U.S. DECISION CONTINUE MEET DOMESTIC REQUIREMENTS
THROUGH IMPORTS. RUSH

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